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Grazing Plans for Three BLM Parcels in Lincoln County Available for Public Review

Proposed grazing plans are complete for about 3,650 acres of public lands in Lincoln County that are administered by the Spokane District Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The lands are in three allotments: Goose Butte, Rocky Ford, and Irby. The public can review the environmental assessments (EA) and proposed decisions by contacting the BLM Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212, telephone (509) 536-1200. These documents are also available at the Spokane District BLM website: www.or.blm.gov/spokane.

Kevin Devitt, BLM Field Manager for the Border Resource Area where the lands are located, says "These grazing plans were developed by an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists who reviewed the leases for any needed changes in the lease or allotment area. They also identified specific or additional measures to maintain or protect important resource values."

Any comments must be sent to the Spokane BLM office at the address listed above and be postmarked no later than 15 days from date of published legal notices. The legal notice for Goose Butte and Rocky Ford is scheduled for publication in the Spokesman Review newspaper on August 21, and the legal notice for Irby should be in the Davenport Times newspaper on August 23.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Spokane BLM office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday except holidays and may be published as part of the EA and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.